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1. SUMMARY - ALL MAJOR PAPERS, TV AND RADIO PROMINENTLY REPORTED AMBASSADOR UNGER'S MAY 4 ARRIVAL AND HIS AIRPORT REMARKS. EDITORIAL COMMENT STRESSED FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS AND HIS OUTSTANDING PERSONAL AND DIPLOMATIC BACKGROUND, INSURANCE FOR SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS IMPORTANT MISSION TO THE ROC. END SUMMARY.

2. INFLUENTIAL UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000) MAY 4 SAID PRESENT TIME IS PROBABLY MOST IMPORTANT PERIOD IN HISTORY. CONTINUATION OF TRADITIONAL SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR MUTUAL INTEREST AND FOR DEALING WITH CONTINGENCIES WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER U.S. WILL CORRECTLY GRASP MEANING OF "THE CHINA ISSUE" AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKE SURE OF ROC POLICY. PAPER SAID PREVIOUS AMERICAN

ASIAN POLICY - CENTERED ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC IN BUILDING EQUILIBRIUM WITH USSR, WHILE KEEPING ROC IN ALLIANCE AS POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC DETERRENT TO MAOIST EXPANSION - HAD PROVED FAILURE IN FACE OF CRUEL REALITY. AMBASSADOR UNGER'S JOB IS TO CONVINCE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO QUICKLY CHANGE ITS CHINA POLICY TO AVERT FURTHER CRISES.

3. IN THE SAME VEIN, CHINA TIMES (280,000) MAY 4 SAID:
"WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE POST-WAR AMERICAN ASIAN POLICY WAS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DEAL WITH THE EXTRINSIC SITUATION OF THE 1970'S. ... FOR THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST AND FOR ITS LONG-TERM GOALS IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE, THIS IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THE U.S. TO REVIEW ITS ASIAN POLICY. WITH HIS GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF ASIAN AND WESTERN PACIFIC SITUATION AS A WHOLE, AMBASSADOR UNGER WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE... TO PROVIDE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WITH VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS... FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA..."

4. KMT'S CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (220,000) MAY 5 SAID THE
DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS OF THE SO-CALLED "NIXON SHOCK"
(PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO PRC AND WASHINGTON-PRC NORMALIZATION EFFORTS) HAD NOT BROUGHT RESULTS THAT THE U.S. DESIRED.
"IT RATHER INJURED U.S. REPUTATION AND DISINTEGRATED THE SPIRITUAL CITADEL OF THE FREE WORLD... THE SINO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE WAS NOT ONLY BUILT ON TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL INTEREST, BUT ALSO ON THE UPHOLDING OF MUTUALLY DEDICATED LOFTY IDEALS OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY..."
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